

" THE DEADLIEST COLONEL "

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Carl Eifler

O.S.S. Colonel Carl F. Eifler, head of espionage and covert operations in the far east during World War II. Labeled by many as the deadliest of all O.S.S. agents his story includes:

-while acting as undercover Customs Agent in Tijuana his discovery of a Japanese spy ring in 1934
-first knowledge that Mexico was part of the Axis with Japanese promise to award them Calif., Arizona and New Mexico at successful conclusion of the pending war
-given command of first OSS unit to go against the enemy just four months after Pearl Harbor
-battled for position in China against Gen. Tai Li, head of dreaded Chinese Secret Police (the Blue Shirts)
- suffered major brain injury in heavy surf while putting agents ashore in central Burma (all were captured and killed)
-clashed with British Gen. Orde Wingate over Eifler's execution of natives. Wingate repeated his opinion in a letter which cost Wingate command of the American Infantry later known as Merrill's Marauders
-took assignment to assassinate Chiang Kai-shek to enable U.S. backing of Mao Tse-tung. Prior to assassination he was called off by the originator of the idea
-supposedly relieved of Orient command due to amnesia from brain injury but given top secret assignment to enter Germany and kidnap their top atom scientist. Plan aborted at last minute as U.S. Manhattan Project gave us the secret first
-assigned to plan major revolution in Korea and penetrate Japan. Established secret camp for Korean agents on Catalina Island. These men landed on Orange County coast in small OSS submarine to carry out 'missions'. None were ever detected or caught and no prior warning was given any American authority
-at end of war declared a vegetable due to constant pain and ringing in ears. Amnesia rendered him unable to do anything
-through sheer inner strength and determination he entered college and in 11 straight years received a Bachelor of Divinity and a Ph. D. in Psychology with a 4.0 average
-retired June 1973 as Clinical Psychologist for State of Calif. after illustrious career in U.S. Customs, U.S. Army, O.S.S., and practice in Monterey County